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SENATE BILL NO. 526

BY SENATORS ERDEY, APPEL, DONAHUE, GUILLORY AND WHITE

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides relative to scholarships for children of state investigators killed in the performance of duty. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1681.1(C), relative to scholarships for children of certain public employees; to add children of state investigators killed or permanently disabled in the performance of duty; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1681.1(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1681.1. Scholarships for children of police officers, deputy sheriffs, or certain probation and parole officers killed or permanently disabled in performance of duty; certain other investigative employees

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**C. The requirements of and benefits for any child of a law enforcement officer as provided in this Section shall also apply to any child of any state employee who was or is killed after January 1, 2011, in the performance of his duties conducting investigations, serving subpoenas, warrants, pleadings, or other orders of the court, or collecting evidence as provided in R.S. 33:2201(B)(20).**

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
4 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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#### DIGEST

Erdey (SB 526)

Present law provides that any child of a police officer, deputy sheriff, or adult probation and parole officer within the division of probation and parole of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections who was or is killed or permanently disabled after January 1, 1973, in the performance of his duties as such, which child is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, shall be admitted to such college or university without the payment of any fees or other charges for tuition, books, reference manuals, and other aids to instruction required in any undertaken course and room and board as long as such child meets the academic standards and complies with the rules and regulations of such college or university required for attendance as a full-time student. The exemption shall exist for such child for the number of semesters required of a full-time student to obtain one bachelor's degree offered by the college or university. Provides that in no event shall such scholarship exceed eight semesters for any one child.

Proposed law extends present law benefits and requirements to any child of a state employee whose spouse or child is eligible for law enforcement death benefits pursuant to present law. Specifically, the scholarship is available to any child of a state employee who is killed after January 1, 2011, in the performance of his duties conducting investigations, serving subpoenas, warrants, pleadings, or other orders of the court, or collecting evidence concerning the affairs of a person upon a reasonable belief that the person has engaged in, or is engaging in, an act or practice that violates state law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1681.1(C))